



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – December 7, 2015

FirstNet News

- Last week, FirstNet participated in a Texas 9-1-1 Alliance Meeting, the National Association of Emergency Management Technicians (NAEMT) Affiliate Advisory Council conference call, a California First Responder Network (CalFRN) Board meeting, the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division Advisory Policy Board Conference, a meeting with Iowa Governor Branstad, New Jersey State Association Chiefs of Police meeting, a California Police Chiefs Association Board of Directors meeting, an Alameda County Sheriffs Office Briefing, a Florida FirstNet Governance Board meeting, and the Ninth Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop (CITIG 9).
- Also last week, FirstNet staff met in New Jersey for a briefing on the state's early builder project. The state gave a thorough overview of the project, highlighting state assets, grassroots outreach approach for gaining access to rights of way, and several of their past and future field exercises. Those include the Papal visit support in Philadelphia in September and Atlantic City Air show last summer, with plans for supporting the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia and the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) tournament in New Jersey in the summer of 2016. There were also demonstrations of the deployables in the afternoon and tours of the New Jersey fusion center.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in Houston (TX) Fire and Police Department briefings, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) Regional Conference, a San Antonio (TX) Police Department briefing, the FirstNet Board and Committee meetings, a Town Hall for California State Agency Partners (Agency Information Officers), the FCC Region 19 700/800MHz Committee meeting, the PSAC meeting, a meeting with Texas Governor Abbott's staff, and an Arkansas Governance Board Meeting. Additional events and details are available under the newsroom tab on our [website](#).
- The 2016 consultation package will be sent to SPOCs the week of December 7. The Regional Leads will be in touch soon afterwards to schedule a kickoff meeting.
- The FirstNet Board meetings will be in Houston on December 8-9. Visit our [website](#) for additional meeting details, including how to register for in-person attendance. The [agenda](#) is now on the [FirstNet website](#) and the webcast of the meetings will be located there as well.
- The PSAC meeting will follow the Board meeting on December 9-10; a portion of the December 9 meeting will be open to the public and webcast. Details on how to register for in-person attendance may be found in our [November 25 blog](#).
- Several new staff members have recently joined FirstNet. Visit the [blog](#) for more details on our new area leads, regional leads and federal consultation liaisons.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- Harris County, TX will be providing demonstrations of its Band 14 system for the FirstNet Board and members of the PSAC while both groups are meeting in Houston this week.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

Last week, the media provided additional coverage on FirstNet's BYOD policy (which was the focus of a blog posting), as well as the upcoming Board meeting and decisions around the RFP release.

Fierce Government IT: FirstNet To Support Personal Devices Through BYOD Policy That Complements Network

<http://www.fiercegovernmentit.com/story/firstnet-support-personal-devices-through-byod-policy-complements-network/2015-12-02?utm>

"FirstNet is planning to support personal devices on the NPSBN through a BYOD policy that is being developed as part of the overall network architecture," wrote FirstNet's CTO Devices Group in a Nov. 23 post to the FirstNet blog.

Brookings Blog: Cities And The Presidential Tech Agenda

<http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/the-avenue/posts/2015/12/02-cities-and-the-presidential-tech-agenda-levin-tomer>

Here is a list of issues presidential aspirants should consider and city leaders should weigh in on. Between the trajectory of the American economy and a common pursuit of the millennial and connected voter, a successful urban technology agenda could both unlock economic potential and pay political dividends...FirstNet. In 2012 Congress authorized the creation of a nationwide interoperable public safety network. The effort will make a number of critical design and business model decisions over the next several years, decisions that will affect how local governments take advantage of the network.

Urgent Communications: Next Week's Meetings Could Set Stage For Potentially Transformative Year In Public-Safety Communications

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/next-week-s-meetings-could-set-stage-potentially-transformative-year-public-safety-communicatio>

There are a lot of questions today surrounding the deployment of FirstNet and next-generation 911 (NG911) systems, but many of these queries may be answered during the next year—beginning with potentially significant meetings that will be conducted next week.

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: .Comments on 700 MHz Band 14 Incumbent Notice Due Dec. 9

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13699>

Comments on the FCC's notice on an ex parte proposal made by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to facilitate the relocation of incumbent public-safety communications systems operating in the 758 – 769 and 788 – 799 MHz band 14 spectrum are due Dec. 9.

TR Daily: FirstNet Meetings Announced

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) plans to hold meetings of its four committees and full board Dec. 8 and 9 at the Hyatt Regency Houston. On Dec. 8, the four committees will meet jointly from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST, with the portion from 8-10 a.m. open to the public. The full board will meet on Dec. 9 from 8-10:30 a.m. CST. The board's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) will hold a public session of its meeting from 1-3 p.m. CST Dec. 9. "The public session will include reports from the PSAC on the priority and preemption, public safety grade, and user equipment assignments; and general updates from the PSAC Tribal and Early Builder Working Groups," Vicki Lee, FirstNet's association manager, said in a blog posting.

AppsTech News: FirstNet Pushing Ahead With BYOD Plans For Public Broadband Network

<http://www.appstechnews.com/news/2015/nov/30/firstnet-pushing-ahead-byod-plans-public-broadband-network/>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), the body charged with establishing an interoperable nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN), has announced it is looking to implement a BYOD policy on top of it.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media accounts gained followers again this week. Twitter is now at 2,941 followers. LinkedIn now has 1,154 users; YouTube has 176 subscribers; and Google+ remains at 58 users.

We posted three new blog entries: including a video blog on cross border communications, [Connecting Nations: FirstNet and Canada's Public Safety Broadband Network](#), coverage of the initial state consultation in Oklahoma, and an announcement of the PSAC meeting next week in Houston, which was also covered by the media. All blog posts can also be accessed through <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.